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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER  
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM  
 SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

SOVIET PROPAGANDA ON PORTUGAL HEAVY, BUT SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVE. THE SOVIETS ARE GIVING HEAVY PLAY TO EVENTS IN PORTUGAL, BUT ARE PREPARING A RATIONALE IN CASE THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNISTS LOSE OUT. THEY CONTINUE TO DENY ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVENTS IN PORTUGAL AND IMPLY THAT DEVELOPMENTS THERE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO IMPEDE DETENTE. MOSCOW'S LINE BETRAYS SOVIET DEFENSIVENESS OVER CHARGES THAT IT SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FURTHER LEFTWARD SWING IN PORTUGAL. SOVIET MEDIA HAVE BEEN UNUSUALLY CANDID IN REPORTING DOMESTICALLY THE PROBLEMS OF THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNISTS, INCLUDING THE ATTACKS ON THE PARTY'S FACILITIES IN NORTHERN PORTUGAL. DESPITE SOME DISTORTIONS, THE PICTURE THAT EMERGES IS ONE OF SIGNIFICANT GRASS-ROOTS ANTI-COMMUNIST FEELING IN PORTUGAL. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SOVIETS ARE BUSY LINING UP A CASE OF VILLAINS. ACCUSATIONS OF WESTERN MEDDLING HAVE BECOME MORE SPECIFIC. THE SOVIETS HAVE RECENTLY REPEATED ALLEGATIONS OF CIA LINKS WITH OPPONENTS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE SOVIETS ARE ALSO CHARGING SOME WESTERN STATES WITH VIOLATING THE CSCE ACCORDS' PROVISIONS ON NON-INTERFERENCE.

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ANTI-GONCALVES FORCES APPEAR TO SEEK UNITY. LISBON NEWSPAPERS REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES IS AMENDING HIS MANIFESTO TO INCLUDE SOME OF THE POINTS IN THE PLAN UNVEILED BY SECURITY CHIEF CARVALHO ON WEDNESDAY. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT ANTUNES OR HIS SUPPORTERS WOULD ACCEPT MANY OF THE RADICAL PROPOSALS, ALTHOUGH SUFFICIENT AGREEMENT MIGHT BE

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FOUND TO PERMIT A LOOSE ALLIANCE AGAINST GONCALVES. ALTHOUGH CARVALHO PERSONALLY PRESENTED THE PLAN TO A LARGE GATHERING OF MILITARY OFFICERS, AND IT WAS WRITTEN BY OFFICERS UNDER HIS COMMAND, CARVALHO HIMSELF HAS NOT YET PUBLICLY ENDORSED IT. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, COSTA GOMES MAY HAVE USED HIS RECENT MEETINGS WITH PARTY LEADERS TO CAUTION THEM ON THEIR PLANS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS LAST NIGHT IN LISBON. THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD WITHOUT INCIDENT. SOME 20,000 SOCIALISTS MARCHED TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, CHANTING SLOGANS IN FAVOR OF THE ANTUNES MANIFESTO AND AGAINST GONCALVES. THE COMMUNISTS ATTRACTED ABOUT 15,000 IN SUPPORT OF THE PRIME MINISTER. A DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE U.S. EMBASSY BY THE EXTREME LEFT WAS SHORTLIVED AND DREW ONLY 1,000 TO 2,000 PEOPLE. WHILE THE FORCES ARRAYED AGAINST GONCALVES APPEAR MORE THAN SUFFICIENT TO FORCE HIS REMOVAL, HE HAS SO FAR REFUSED TO BUDGE, PERHAPS IN THE HOPE THAT HIS OPPONENTS, WHO RANGE ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, WILL BE UNABLE TO REACH ANY FINAL AGREEMENT. SHOULD, FOR INSTANCE, ANTUNES AND CARVALHO FAIL TO COME TOGETHER, GONCALVES AND THE COMMUNISTS MIGHT SEEK TO PLAY THEM OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER. ANY MOVE BY RIGHTIST FORCES MIGHT ALSO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON THE PRIME MINISTER. WE HAVE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT EXILE GROUPS ARE PLANNING A "SPECTACULAR" ARMED ACTION IN THE NEXT DAY.

25X1R TWO. SUCH A MOVE COULD WELL PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE COMMUNISTS AND RADICALS WHO CHARGE THAT ANTUNES IS OPENING THE WAY FOR THE "FASCISTS" TO REGAIN CONTROL OF PORTUGAL.

CHINESE REGIONAL COMMANDERS: THE REAPPEARANCE OF LANCHOW MILITARY REGION COMMANDER HAN HSIEN-CHU IN HIS REGION AFTER AN ABSENCE OF MORE THAN A YEAR AND A HALF SUGGESTS THAT THE POLITICAL STATUS OF ALL 11 OF CHINA'S REGIONAL COMMANDERS HAS

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